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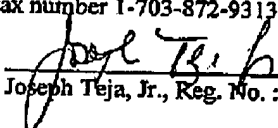
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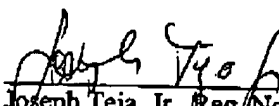
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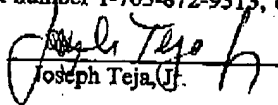
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 2 of page 2 with the following paragraphs as indicated below. A marked-up version of these paragraphs with all changes made by the current amendment shown using bolded bracketing and underlining is attached hereto as the pages captioned **"Version With Markings to Show Changes Made"**.

- Related Applications

This Patent Application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/221,363, filed July 27, 2000, entitled "Lighting Control Using Speech Recognition."

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This application also claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 as a continuation-in-part (CIP) of co-pending U.S. Non-provisional Application Serial No. 09/669,121, filed September 25, 2000, entitled "Multicolored LED Lighting Method and Apparatus", which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/425,770, filed October 22, 1999, now Patent No. 6,150,774, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/920,156, filed August 26, 1997, now Patent No. 6,016,038.

This application also claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 as a continuation-in-part (CIP) of the following co-pending U.S. Non-provisional Applications:

Serial No. 09/215,624, filed December 17, 1998, entitled "Smart Light Bulb";

Serial No. 09/213,607, filed December 17, 1998, entitled "Systems and Methods for Sensor-Responsive Illumination";

Serial No. 09/213,189, filed December 17, 1998, entitled "Precision Illumination";

Serial No. 09/213,581, filed December 17, 1998, entitled "Kinetic Illumination";

Serial No. 09/213,540, filed December 17, 1998, entitled "Data Delivery Track";

Serial No. 09/333,739, filed June 15, 1999, entitled "Diffuse Illumination Systems and Methods";

Serial No. 09/742,017, filed December 20, 2000, entitled "Lighting Entertainment System", which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/213,548, filed December 17, 1998, now Patent No. 6,166,496;

Serial No. 09/815,418, filed March 22, 2001, entitled "Lighting Entertainment System", which also is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/213,548, filed December 17, 1998, now Patent No. 6,166,496; and

Serial No. 09/626,905, filed July 27, 2000, entitled "Lighting Components", which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/213,659, filed December 17, 1998, now Patent No. 6,211,626.

This application also claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of each of the following U.S. Provisional Applications, as at least one of the above-identified co-pending U.S. Non-provisional Applications similarly is entitled to the benefit of at least one of the following Provisional Applications:

Serial No. 60/071,281, filed December 17, 1997, entitled "Digitally Controlled Light Emitting Diodes Systems and Methods";

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Serial No. 60/079,285, filed March 25, 1998, entitled "System and Method for Controlled Illumination"; and

Serial No. 60/090,920, filed June 26, 1998, entitled "Methods for Software Driven Generation of Multiple Simultaneous High Speed Pulse Width Modulated Signals".

Each of the foregoing applications is hereby incorporated herein by reference. --

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REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to correct the priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(e), and 35 U.S.C. §120, listed as cross-references to related applications. No new matter is added. Pursuant to MPEP §201.11 and 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) and (a)(5), these benefit claims are proper as being made during the pendency of the present application and within four months from the actual filing date of the present application.

An early and favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

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